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## Mask Advisory for the Town of Weston - Effective February 28, 2022

All individuals regardless of vaccination status who live, work, learn and visit Weston are advised to:

- Stay up to date with vaccines and boosters against COVID-19 and other communicable diseases: Vaccination offers the greatest protection against COVID-19 infection
- Practice good hand hygiene
- Participate in robust COVID-19 testing programs, as made available by your school or employer
- Stay home when sick, call your doctor for next steps
- · Promote/participate in good air quality/robust air exchanges per hour in indoor public spaces
- For individuals who are not fully vaccinated, it is important that you continue to wear a face covering or mask to help prevent you from spreading COVID-19 to other people

We support people who may choose to wear a mask. People have many reasons and circumstances for choosing to wear a mask, including vaccination status for themselves or family members, desire to have an extra layer of defense against infection, being in a crowded gathering, visiting vulnerable family or friends, or living with someone who is immunocompromised. In this respect, residents are advised to practice situational awareness around the risk mitigation choices of others.

Individuals who are considered close contacts or who have tested positive must follow the
<u>isolation and quarantine guidance</u>. Individuals are required to wear masks in certain situations.
Please reference 2/15/2022 <u>Massachusetts DPH Advisory on Face Coverings</u> for the most up to
date guidance.

When possible, wear more protective masks, which are now readily available for the public:

Most Protective N95

FFP2, KN95 & KF94

Surgical [procedural] mask under cloth cover

Surgical [procedural] mask

Less Protective Cloth face covering

When you wear a mask or face covering, it should:

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face [covering the nose and mouth];
- Be secured with head straps, ties or ear loops;
- Allow for breathing without restriction

Cloth face coverings should:

- Include multiple layers of fabric;
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

Individual employers and businesses may choose to require masks in their establishments

The Board of Health will continue to use available information to inform our recommendations and response to COVID-19.